

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a birth defect that occurs during fetal development and creates a hole in an infant's diaphragm, allowing organs to migrate through the hole and crowd the chest cavity, potentially causing the infant's lungs to be small and underdeveloped; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately one in 3,600 newborns are affected by CDH; and

*WHEREAS*, individuals with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications, which can include pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and

*WHEREAS*, this Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins individuals, advocates, and organizations across our state in increasing awareness of this congenital defect in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and to encourage additional research and medical advances;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

## CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

